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Ms. Catherine V. Barr
Acting Director
President's Commission on
White House Fellows
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. Barr:

Thank you for your letter of 21 April concerning the White House Fellowship Program and the new class that will report to Washington during the week of 15 June for job placement interviews.

We are interested in considering for assignment any White House Fellow who may be interested in serving with the Central Intelligence Agency and meets our preestablished security agreement and requirements. I have designated [redacted], Coordinator for Special Programs with the Office of Personnel, as the focal point officer responsible for the reviewing of candidates and arranging interviews.

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[redacted] can be reached on [redacted]

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I appreciate your writing to me concerning this very worthwhile program. We welcome the opportunity to contribute to its purpose of providing young leaders the opportunity to work at the highest levels of the Federal Government.

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Sincerely,



Executive Director

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DA/OP/E, [redacted] (9 May 1986)

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BACKGROUND - WHITE HOUSE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Tenure of Program: Since 1964.

Purpose and Eligibility: Especially promising young leaders are identified. The aim is to provide them with one year of exposure to involvement with and education in the making of public policy and the exercise of public leadership.

Eligibility: U.S. Citizens, no basic educational requirements, and no special career professional categories are specified. Civilian federal employees are excluded; however, career military personnel may be selected but not assigned to an agency where they may serve during military careers. There are no restrictions as to specific age, sex, race, creed, or national origin, nor any physical requirements. One may not retain an official local or state office while serving as a Fellow.

Selection: Nationwide competition - completed applications are processed by the President's Commission on White House Fellows staff and screened initially by the Office of Personnel Management readers and former Fellows. The most promising applicants are invited to interview at eleven regional panels. Approximately 33 candidates are named as national finalists and are interviewed by the President's Commission which then recommends to the President those individuals it finds most qualified.

Timing: The President will name between 13 and 19 Fellows on May 18th this year and they are to be interviewed during the week of June 15.

Assignments: Typically as Special Assistant to the Vice-President, a member of the Cabinet, the head of an independent Executive Branch agency, or a principal member of the President's staff. Actual nature of assignment varies with particular talents and interests of the Fellow.

Agency Participation:

1977-78
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